(c) whether the Study Centre, 2746 Bharati Pubic School of National Open School situated in Delhi had sent the marks of T.M.A. to the controller of the examination in 1995;

(d) if so, whether the National Open School has taken any decision to give concession to the students affected by the said T.M.A.; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Curvery Water Dispute

2308. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cauvery River Water Dispute Tribunal has started its proceedings;

(b) the details of the claims made by different concerned State Governments submitted to the Tribunal/ Government;

(c) whether the Tribunal have issued any directions to concerned State Governments regarding resolution of Cauvery Water Dispute;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Tribunal/Union Government to resolve the dispute amicably as early as possible?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The actual share of water claimed by basin States in the Tribunal is as under :

(i) Karnataka	-	465 TMC
(ii) Tamil Nadu	-	Flows to be ensured in accordance with the terms of the Agreement of 1892 and 1924.
(iii) Kerala	-	99.8 TMC
(iv) Pondicherry	-	9.3 TMC

(c) to (e) The Tribunal has conducted 104 hearings upto 28.2.97 and the basin states are participating in the proceedings of the Tribunal.

Further steps can be taken by the Union Government only after the final adjudication by the Tribunal.

[English]

Indian Workers in Gulf Countries

2309. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to assist Indian Workers in Gulf Countries who are in grief due to accidents or other mishaps; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) Indian Missions take a number of steps to ameliorate the condition of Indian workers in distress due to their involvement in accidents or other mishaps. These are, inter alia;

(i) in case of death, arrangements are made in coordination with the employers, the local police authorities and the next of kin for disposal of the mortal remains either by despatch to India, or otherwise, in accordance with local laws and procedures;

(ii) in case of serious injury arising out of accident or other mishaps, Indian Missions arrange for the required medical treatment through the employer locally or if necessary to send the person back to India for treatment;

(iii) in cases where compensation, service benefits, outstanding salary, etc., are due to the deceased or injured, Indian Missions take up each case with the sponsor for speedy settlement. Whenever necessary, cases are taken up with the concerned authorities of the foreign Government to intervene with the employers for a fair settlement of dues of the worker. The dues realised are sent to the concerned district authorities for disbursement to the workers/legal heirs in India;

(iv) the Consular, Passport and Visa Division of the Ministry of External Affairs coordinates follow-up action, in case the Indian workers are still dissatisfied with the efforts made by the Indian missions abroad.

[Translation]

Receipt of Project Report

2310. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been sharp decline in annual receipt of project reports in Central Water Commission for evaluation while the number of directorates engaged in this work have been increased five times; and